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FCC RELEASES 2008 INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC DATA

Washington, D.C. - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released an annual report entitled *2008 International Telecommunications Data* regarding international message telephone, private line and miscellaneous services between the United States and other countries.

Statistical Findings

- International U.S.-billed facilities-based and facilities-resale traffic together increased from 70.0 billion minutes in 2007 to 74.9 billion minutes in 2008. For purposes of categorizing traffic, a facilities-based carrier provides service using its own international transmission facilities, while a facilities-resale carrier provides service utilizing international circuits leased from other reporting international carriers.
- Collectively, U.S.-billed minutes increased 7.0%.
- U.S.-billed revenues for international telephone, private line and other miscellaneous services increased collectively 0.5%, from \$7.2 billion in 2007 to \$7.3 billion in 2008.

International Services Billed Revenues (Shown in Thousands of Dollars)

	2007	2008	Percent Change
Telephone	\$6,524,486	\$6,458,745	-1.0%
Private Line and Other Miscellaneous	716,516	816,334	13.9%
Total Billed Revenues	\$7,241,002	\$7,275,079	0.5%

- U.S. carriers' net settlement payments (the amount they pay foreign carriers to terminate traffic overseas) decreased 0.6%. Retained international revenues (revenues after settlement payments are made) increased 1.4% from 2007 to 2008.

**Total Billed Revenues,
Net Settlement Payments, and
Retained Revenues**
(Shown in Thousands of Dollars)

	2007	2008	Percent Change
Total Billed Revenues	\$7,241,002	\$7,275,079	0.5%
Net Settlement	(3,350,238)	(3,329,107)	-0.6%
Retained	\$3,890,764	\$3,945,972	1.4%

- Pure resale traffic grew 14.4% from 75.8 billion minutes in 2007 to 86.7 billion minutes in 2008. Billed revenues for resale services increased from \$7.0 billion in 2007 to \$8.5 billion in 2008. The total number of carriers reporting resale services increased 10.0% from 1,068 in 2007 to 1,175 in 2008.

The report is available for reference in the FCC's Reference Information Center at 445 12th Street, S.W., Courtyard Level, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may be purchased by contacting the FCC's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington D.C. 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160, facsimile 202-488-5563, or via e-mail www.bcpweb.com. The report can also be downloaded [file name: CREPOR08.ZIP or CREPOR08.PDF] from www.fcc.gov/ib.

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